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AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KAGNEW FOUR - BRIEFING ETHIOPIAN GOVT

REF: FBIS AMMAN 191830Z NOV 75

1. IT IS NOW ALMOST FOUR WEEKS SINCE EMBASSY LAST BRIEFED EPMG (ON WASHINGTON INSTRUCTIONS) CONCERNING KHARTOUM EMBOFF MEETING WITH ELF. SINCE THEN WE HAVE HAD NOTHING TO SAY TO EPMG ABOUT USG EFFORTS IN THIS CASE, SO THAT EPMG STILL UNAWARE OF ATTEMPTED PACKAGE DELIVERIES, LETTERS TO AND FROM FAMILIES, CONTACTS IN OTHER ARAB CAPITALS WITH GOVT OFFICIALS AND OTHER INTERMEDIARIES, ETC. WE HAVE MERELY BEEN PASSING UNCLASSIFIED FBIS TEXTS OF VARIOUS PUBLIC BROADCASTS AND ARTICLES TO EPMG, URGING EPMG BROADCAST OF FAMILY APPEAL, AND ASKING FOR ANY INFO EPMG MAY HAVE.

2. EPMG WILL BE WONDERING WHAT WE ARE UP TO, AND WE SHOULD TELL THEM WHAT WE CAN. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT ETHIOPIAN OFFICIALS MAY HEAR DISTORTED VERSIONS OF SOME CONTECTS, FOR INSTANCE, POSSIBLY MISINTERPRETING SUCH ACTIONS AS DESPATCH OF PACKAGES TO BE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO ELF/PLF. REFTEL SHOWS ELF BEGINNING TO LEAK SOME INFO ABOUT USG EFFORTS IN KHARTOUM.

3. REQUEST DEPT INSTRUCTIONS ON WHAT WE CAN TELL EPMG. INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD INCLUDE REITERATION OF FIRM USG POSITION AGAINST NEGOTIATIONS AND ANY KIND OF RANSOM.

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